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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Soviet Plan for Africa

1. In a discussion with Cy Vance last Sunday we talked about whether the Soviets had a master plan for Africa; whether they were just opportunistically filling voids; or whether there was some other explanation for their activities there. Cy said he didn't feel we had "studied the question of what the Soviet plan for Africa was carefully enough." I'd like to work up a short paper for him to give him our views of what the balance between premeditation and opportunism is in the Soviet/Cuban involvement in Africa.

2. In that same discussion, Andy Young professed that the Soviets were looking for the grain potential of Africa to eliminate their dependence upon the West to supplement their agricultural shortcomings. He averred that "Rhodesia could feed all of Africa"--with its three crops a year. He felt that with Zambia, Angola and Rhodesia the Soviets could have ample supplies of grain. Would we concur?

 
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